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Should the liberty of the press be once destroyed, farewell the remainder of our invaluable rights and privileges!

—Isaiah Thomas

## Henry reports dorms acceptable

by Lynn Wunsch

Campus dorms are in "acceptable" condition, President Edward L. Henry said.

Henry's first tour of the dorms came Sept. 2 when he responded to complaints of Dalton Drive students concerning the state of their dormitories. At that time, he realized that the north campus dorms were in a state of disrepair. When questioned as to why this was so, Henry replied, "The dorms are not owned by St. Michael's, but by the University of Vermont and under the lease agreement U.V.M. should make repairs." He added, "One of the dorms was leased at the last moment and there was no time to do much to it."

Immediately following the tour, Henry ordered the dorms painted and contacted U.V.M. with a request for work to be initiated. U.V.M. responded by sending workers to take care of repairs.

Last week, Henry hired commercial cleaners to thoroughly clean the north campus dorms. He said, "We now feel the regular campus custodial crew can handle maintenance and cleaning on a continual basis."

The main campus dorms at the time of this tour were found to be in better shape than the north campus dorms, although they were very disorderly. This was due to students moving in, Henry said.

On Sept. 28, Henry made a second tour of the dorms. He found conditions much improved and said the dorms would now be "maintained at a higher level of cleanliness and repair from this time forward." He

## Board tables increase for 1977-78 SA budget

by Nick Kernstock

A 1977-78 Student Association budget increase and the future of several S.A. activities remains in doubt following a decision by the Board of Trustees to table a S.A. request for a \$2 increase in the student activities fee.

The proposed request, which passed the S.A. by a vote of 56 to 5, would provide approximately \$3,000 to S.A. funded activities.

An increase, according to Richard Fecowicz, S.A. treasurer, is needed to keep pace with rising costs. Citing inflation and more activities, Fecowicz warned that more budget cuts for clubs will be necessary without the additional funds.

He said the Trustees tabled the request pending a possible reorganization of school activities. The contemplated reorganization would possibly relieve the S.A. of responsibility of academically oriented clubs, such as the Biology, Theology

added, "Next fall when students return we expect the buildings to be in a good state of repair."

Henry commented on the problem of dorm lounges. Furniture is either destroyed or it "disappears in short order." He suggested that the "Student government ought to take this issue up and develop a monitoring system." Once some sort of system is set up, "The college will feel more secure in buying tens of thousands of dollars worth of furniture and equipment," he added.

by Bob Borquez

After being suspended for one semester, student evaluations of the faculty will be resumed in December.

Due to budgetary difficulties and changes in the staff at the computer center, the format will differ from those conducted in previous years. According to Bryan Pelkey, chairman of the Student Association's Educational Policy Committee, "We're cutting out the objective part (of the evaluation) because of cost." Elaborating on how this deletion would affect the validity of evaluation results, Pelkey said, "Most of the feedback was on the

subjective part." The subjective part of the survey will be rather flexible; because the questions are essay in nature, the length of the replies will be determined by the student.

The office of the academic dean, working with the assistance of the Educational Policy Committee, prepares and administers the questionnaires. Pelkey said the results are strictly confidential and submitted to the respective instructor only; "there's no correlation between the job and the evaluation (of the teacher)."

When asked to explain the rationale of conducting the evaluations, Pelkey added, "The purpose of the evaluations is to

assist the teacher. It's to be a positive, not a negative factor (in the teaching methods) . . . it's there to help the professor."

Pelkey said the deletion of the objective section of the questionnaire, which contained a scale to rate a professor's performance in such areas as the relativity of readings to lectures or the degree of clarity of lectures, will have no detrimental effects on the validity of the surveys. "The new evaluations will be just as valid as the old one . . . we're trying to get the best that money can buy." While the objective portion of the survey may have answered the question of whether something was wrong with a course, the subjective part answers what is wrong and may offer constructive suggestions.

Pelkey does not believe that personal feelings about a faculty member will weaken the effectiveness of the surveys, explaining that if there is any animosity between a student and a professor, it could have some root in the professor's teaching methods. "I wouldn't say it (the evaluation) loses the value; I'd say it reflects the reality of the classroom," he added.

The student evaluations of faculty members began three years ago under a group led by Professor Vincent Bolduc, after developing the idea of evaluations and turning the idea into reality. Expenses are covered by the Academic Dean, Vermon Gallagher, while the questions are prepared and administered by the Educational Policy Committee.

Students interested in administering the survey at the end of the semester are asked to contact Bryan Pelkey, box 292, or Barbara Siragusa.

## Educational Policy Committee considers plus, minus grades

by Nancy Morin

Should St. Michael's College change its present grading system of straight marks to include pluses and minuses?

According to Brian Pelkey, chairman of the Educational Policy Committee of the Student Association, there are two sides to be considered.

Pelkey said that if pluses and minuses are put into effect they would "make the grades more specific and valid. With today's economy so tight, we'd be better off."

He added that grade inflation is seen in every college in America, hurting the quality and validity of grade point averages. The uses of pluses and minuses might check this tendency.

To emphasize this point, Pelkey cited a student in the present grading system graduating with a 3.4 GPA while

actually having a 2.83 if pluses and minuses were employed. The student is then hired or accepted to graduate school on these credentials only to find that he "can't handle the load, thus making a fool of himself and the school, neither of which is acceptable since education should be a constructive force in our lives," Pelkey said.

"In defense of the present system Pelkey questioned whether the use of pluses and minuses might be actually "nit-picking."

"To what degree can professors adequately evaluate students?" Pelkey said, when they are teaching five courses per semester. "It may place an unfair burden on them as well as the students."

Pelkey also pointed out that pluses and minuses might tend to devalue students' GPA's and

place them out of competition with graduates from other schools. "Not everyone will recognize St. Michael's coming down on the grading system," he added.

The Board of Trustees' Committee of Education, made up of trustees, administration, faculty, and students, will meet again in February to act further on the motion of whether or not to change the grading system.

In the meantime, students are urged to think carefully about the effects such a change would have.

"Transcripts are supposedly valid documents measuring a student's intellectual ability and motivation. Their importance and the notion of changing them is a decision that the students can make as it is prevalent to each and every one of us," Pelkey stated.

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Robert Brundt Jr.

# On campus . . .

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

8 p.m., English literature, John Engels, McCarthy Recital Hall.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

No events listed.

SUNDAY, OCT. 24

7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Film Series: "The Last Detail," McCarthy, 75 cents.

7:30 p.m., "Life means every life for himself, doesn't it?" Dr. John Hanagan lecture, Klein.

MONDAY, OCT. 25

3:30 p.m., Field hockey vs. Champlain.

6:15 p.m., Social Committee meeting, Alliot 212.

7 p.m., Life Style Lab, Student Resource Center — Jemery 217A, for those who have already participated in Human Potential Labs.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

6-9 p.m., Dining-In, ROTC, Alliot Lounge.  
6:30 p.m., Senate Meeting, Science 107.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

2 p.m., Soccer vs. UVM.

7 p.m., "Pro-Life" lecture by Dr. Peter Tumulty, Klein.  
Coffee House, north campus.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28

3:30 p.m., Cross country at UVM.

6-9 p.m., OVP Halloween party for underprivileged children, Klein basement.

6 p.m., Senior class meeting, Alliot 212.

7-8 p.m., Political Science Club student debate, Ford/Carter, Alliot.

## News briefs . . .

Ann Ferland was elected Senate Communications chairman and Donna Tyrell elected S.A. Student Policy chairman at the Senate meeting Tuesday night.

A joint Angel Flight — Arnold Air Society dinner was held recently, planned for social interaction between the two affiliated societies. Guests included Col. and Mrs. Roque and Capt. and Mrs. Hayden.

All upperclassmen should pick up their 1976 yearbooks at the Shield office, 128 Klein, by Wednesday.

The History Club sponsored its second annual "State of the Department Address" Sept. 30. Dr. Kuntz, Dr. Pfeifer and Mr. Henault described their courses and backgrounds and discussed graduate work and career goals for students with a degree in history or American studies.

ID pictures will only be taken Tuesday and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in Alliot 119.

Dr. John Hanagan and Dr. Susette Talarico will participate in "Police Accountability to the Community," a discussion on citizens' involvement in law enforcement policy, questions on police weaponry, police review boards, and problems of due process of law. The discussion is sponsored by the Vermont American Civil Liberties Union and will be held at Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Pre-meds, pre-dents and others interested in allied health professions should contact Dr. Daniel Bean of the Biology Department in Science 318.

Senate office hours are: Jeff McKeown, Monday, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.; Richard Fecowicz, Monday, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.; Lou Fleming, Tuesday and Thursday, noon-2 p.m.; and Nancy Fink, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The following schedule should help anyone who wishes to contact any member of the Dean of Student Affairs staff:

Sr. Jeannette, 124 Klein, ext. 225, Mon., 12-9, Tues., 8:30-5; Wed., 12-9; Thurs., 8:30-5; and Fri., 8:30-5.

Lew Whitney, 116 Alliot, ext. 297; Sun., 12-9; Mon., 8:30-5; Tues., 8:30-5; Wed., 8:30-5; and Thurs., 12-9.

Jerry Flanagan, 125 Alliot, ext 226, Mon., 12-5; Tues., 6-9; Wed., 8:30-5; and Fri., 8:30-5.

All clubs and organizations recognized by the Senate must submit a list of officers and a roster to Lou Fleming, box 277, by Oct. 31.

All of us have to deal with the stresses of daily life. Relaxation through meditative techniques is an age-old practice. Such techniques promote physical and mental good health. A short period of time, about twenty minutes daily is all that is required. A person can meditate when and where he/she chooses.

The Student Resource Center is offering free instruction on various techniques of meditation. The only thing required is a little of one's time. The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month a new instruction session begins. The sessions are held from 3:30-4:15 in the afternoon. Each Tuesday afternoon for the remainder of the month, one will become acquainted with various types of meditation. The next session begins November 2.

The group room in the Student Resource Center (Jemery 217A) is open daily from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. It is reserved for Meditation daily from 11:30 a.m.-Noon and from 4-4:30 p.m.

# Nightly bus route proposed

by Carole Sakowski

President Edward L. Henry's cabinet met Oct. 15 to discuss the possibilities of running the bus nightly between north and south campus at 15 minute intervals

and opening the north campus cafeteria on weekends, S.A. President Jeff McKeown said Tuesday night.

The cabinet agreed to try a two-week experiment running

the bus until 11 p.m., but they decided against the weekend cafeteria proposal.

They agree students are inconvenienced, but they said there is no money in the budget at this time to open the mini-cafe.

McKeown will, however, ask the cabinet to reconsider.

The Senate approved the contracts for funding of The Michaelman and WWPV.

The feasibility of booklets explaining the damage deposit fees will be examined by the Student Policy Committee. The proposed booklet would be distributed to all students.

Ann Ferland was elected Communications Committee chairman and Donna Tyrell as Student Policy Committee chairman.

Mike Smith announced that movies will be rented from another company starting next week, rather than Swank, as last Sunday was the second time the company failed to send a movie.

Under new business, the facilities committee will look into the following proposals: a clock for the north campus cafeteria, the fixing of the stereo system located between the cafeteria and the Student Affairs office, another pay phone in Ryan Hall, a new washer and dryer for Purtill Hall, the installation of candy and cigarette machines in Linnehan Hall, and an investigation of the heating system.

# Traffic signal flashes pending wider drive

by Chuck McInnis

Probably everyone on his way to north campus who has waited on or behind the St. Michael's bus as it tried to get onto Rt. 15 was delighted to see a traffic light being installed there.

But why has it been blinking instead of working as a normal light at a busy intersection?

The State Highway Department in Montpelier, after written requests from St. Mike's, recognized the intersection as a difficult place from which to leave the campus.

Donald Remick, district highway engineer, said there have been less than five accidents there in the last five years and with the installation of the light, this number will probably go up. Remick explained that at intersections like these, there are frequent rear-end collisions and

other minor accidents with people trying to beat the light.

As the patterns of cars leaving south campus are so erratic, a traffic activated trip wire was installed under the pavement on the right side of the road as one is leaving campus. The yellow lines were painted to keep entering cars from straying to the wrong side, tripping the light.

However, the St. Michael's buses, because of their length and the narrowness of the entrance, have had to swerve over into the other lane to make the turn. This activates the light, stopping traffic on Rt. 15 even though there may be no one waiting to leave the campus.

The entrance to the campus is being widened, with the cost being absorbed by SMC.

Cost of the entire project has not yet been determined.

# Capt. Woodard joins AFROTC Department

by Patty Larson

Captain Wendell Woodard has joined the St. Michael's faculty as an associate professor in aerospace science, teaching the senior AFROTC course.

Capt. Woodard arrived from a three-year tour at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

He was born and raised in Colebrook, in northern New Hampshire. He graduated with a B.A. in business administration from the University of New Hampshire. It was there that he joined AFROTC (the first two years were a requirement) and

married his wife, Louise.

Upon graduation, Capt. Woodard became a logistics officer and was sent to Amarillo AFB in Texas for training. Since then, he has travelled to California, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Germany.

The Woodards reside in Essex with their two daughters, Tammie and Wendy.

"We really like it here so far. This is one of the jobs I've enjoyed the most," he said. A sports family, the Woodards look forward to tennis, basketball, skiing, and a winter in Vermont.

# Offices change

by William C. Wolf

A major relocation of administrative personnel offices has taken place during the past month in order to improve the services they provide. A study by the President's office concluded that a consolidation of some of these offices would provide better utilization of their resources.

Anthony Verne Cross, superintendent of buildings and grounds, who was in charge of the move, said, "All the offices that were located in Prevel Hall have been temporarily moved out. We've repainted the inside and replaced most of the outdated wiring to bring the building up to present safety

# location

standards. The first floor of Founders Hall has been papered and paneled to accommodate the new offices."

The Development, Alumni Affairs and Public Relations offices and their secretaries will be occupying Prevel Hall. The Business, Purchasing, Buildings and Grounds, and Special Events offices, along with current offices, will be housed in Founders.

The Old North Campus Chapel is now being used to temporarily house some of these offices, but will be vacated by Nov. 1.

No estimate was given as to the cost of renovating and moving.

# Fourteen students drop out

by Kathy Keegan

Fourteen students have dropped out of school so far this year, according to Registrar Maureen McNamara.

Reasons for students withdrawal are confidential, although Miss McNamara said most were "legitimate."

The number of voluntary withdrawals from September 1975 through September 1976 was 122 and there were 67 academic dismissals.

Total enrollment this September was 1,515 as compared with 1,548 last year. Enrollment set by the Board of Trustees is 1,500.

This September, there were 360 seniors (389 last year), 309 juniors (370 last year), 372 sophomores (363 last year), and 474 freshmen (423 last year).

"This is about average for St. Mike's and other schools. The administration is not upset," McNamara said.

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# Resource Center II aimed at learning, service

by Alexia L. Sullivan

I wish I could find some direction in my life, like choosing a meaningful career, something that is part of my personality.

Why not take it up with someone at the student resource center?

Right now I am an undecided major and in those places a person is expected to know what their concentration is and what they want to do, as the cliche goes, "... what you want to be when you grow up."

I think it would be worthwhile for you to make a trip to the resource center at location II.

But I thought that when a person went to a resource center it was for a psychological problem or for help in personal counselling.

Do you share this view about the student resource center?

These are questions a person might have when approaching the student resource center.

"People are not coming here for us to say, 'You do this or that.' Rather, it is our goal to sit down with the individual and examine at what point he or she is in their educational training and what their likes and dislikes are. From this information, we offer the student a variety of choices and allow him or her to progress from there," explained Fred Schneider, coordinator of service learning.

Location II of the student resource center is in room 104 Alliot Hall. This section of the center is geared towards the concept of service/learning.

Location I is located in 202 Jemery.

Schneider is aided by four work study students: Dick Long; chairman of the project coordinator's council; Len Moreau and Joan McNamara, initial interviewers; and Pat Leonard, secretary. He further elaborated on the purpose of the resource center, "It is a very big concept and the scope of what we are doing is not yet fully understood. Service/learning is our main theme at location II."

Service involves an individual devoting his energy, time and efforts under such programs as Big Brother/Big Sister and aiding at the Green Mountain Nursing Home, as well as many other community services. Under these programs, it is hoped that the

student will gain a sense of personal fulfillment and achievement.

These programs are the well-known aspects of the resource center. Volunteer programs are what the student immediately associates with location II and that is all. Yet, the concept of learning is something else that the center seriously considers in student development.

Learning offers the student an opportunity to test the area of his interest. By attending career orientation, a student who is undecided about a choice of major, or who would like some ideas and information about a variety of careers, gains choices and alternatives that point one in a direction keyed to one's needs.

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The student resource center also can provide the student with fieldwork that tests each career possibility while the student gains experience. This experience may also be used for future resumes. The resource center does not give academic credit.

Another new task of location II is the formation of the project coordinator's council. Headed by Dick Long, a student may approach the center stating a desire to establish a project. With guidance from the council, the project may be organized and then initiated in the school.

Students involved in their own original programs at St. Michael's this year are: Monica Joyal, heading the Saturday swim program for children of the community; Donna Tyrrell, heading an art program in the cafeteria for children; and Katie Donan, heading a program for the physically and mentally handicapped.

It is hoped more students will utilize the new student resource center in both locations I and II. When the student leaves the center at location II, a quote is found on the door which sums up the function of the center.

"The task of education is not in selecting those who will be successful, but in making successful those who came."

## New room in post office holds machine

by Ann Baldelli

Saint Michael's College has obtained the "word processing unit," or more specifically, the IBM Mag Card II typewriter.

Here on a six-month trial basis, a special office has been built in the post office lobby to house the "word processing unit."

"The unit is a specialized typewriter with an electronic keyboard and 'memory' that eliminates the need to type any memo, letter, document, address — anything, more than once," said Susann Lyon, word processing operator. She explained,

### Funds lacking for security

## Book thefts thin stacks

by Jim DeMarco

Every year, library book thefts make about eight per cent of the school's collection unavailable. After the last inventory, two years ago, more than \$57,000 worth of books were missing, Library Director Joseph Popecki said.

One big problem is that most thefts occur when books are essential, near semester's end. Students who have waited all semester suddenly decide that they need that certain book more than anyone else, because they will fail if they do not complete their term paper.

Another problem is that missing books cannot be replaced immediately because there is the chance that they will have simply been misplaced or they may be returned at the end of the semester when no longer needed. Unfortunately, reference materials and articles from special collections are very often stolen, yet are often the most urgently needed materials in the library.

By the time the library personnel decide a stolen book needs to be replaced, the price of that book usually has gone up, and that makes the cost of attending St. Mike's just a little more expensive.

In an attempt to lessen the rate of thefts, some professors are showing their reading lists to the

"By typing, for example, an admissions form letter into 'memory' and dumping the information from 'memory' onto a magnetic card for storage, that letter will never have to be typed again. Small or large revisions are easily made without ever retyping the complete letter."

Lyon said that there are three departments that will receive top priority in utilizing the unit. These are the admissions office, the development office and the political science department. The two offices were picked because they seem to constitute the largest bulk of mass mailing in

library before showing them to their students, so that those books can be placed on reserve, available to all who need them. Unfortunately, this makes for a very crowded reference section. Popecki said he opposes a large reserve collection because it denies many students "free access" to the books and publications.

A request has been made to the Fruehauff Foundation for funds to purchase an electronic security system. The equipment Popecki would like to buy has been 85 per cent effective in deterring thefts elsewhere. But until that time, responsibility lies in the hands of those who, without thinking, would take a book from the library simply because it is easier than checking it out.

the school.

It was decided that one academic department should also be tested during the trial period and the political science department was selected on the recommendation of the academic dean.

"I will accept work from anyone," Lyon said, "but they will always have to wait until after the priority departments have their work done."

Lyon commented on the value of the IVM Mag Card II typewriter. "My goal through the use of this unit is to produce personalized form letters for mass mailing and to keep regular forms, exams, publications, and documents — that need multiple revisions — in storage and readily available for immediate processing. The availability of this unit to St. Michael's College should alleviate a considerable amount of secretarial 'busy' work, therefore allowing faculty, staff, and administration more efficient use of their time."

The college is soon going to add a telephone dictation unit to the IBM machine. By this process, administration and faculty members who need a document typed will be able to call the office, and dictate over the phone their material. The message will be recorded on a magnetic disk and then put into a transcription machine. The unit operator then puts on headphones, listens to the information, and types it out.

Lyon said, "As a pilot project the word processing center will not be open to students; eventually it will be, though."

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# Presidential candidate analysis: Republican Gerald R. Ford

by Matt Tansey

Gerald R. Ford is the Republican nominee in the 1976 Presidential election. This article will attempt to focus on his record in Congress and his actions as President of the United States since August 9, 1974. The reason for concentrating on his record rather than on his promises in campaign speeches and the like, is that the former are a more sound criteria for judging what he will do if elected to four more years as President.

Ford was first elected to the House in 1948, from his home town of Grand Rapids, Michigan. His smallest percentage of the vote in 13 elections since then was 61 per cent in 1972. Thus, it appears that the home folk in Grand Rapids were more than happy with their Congressman. Ford was a member of the Appropriations Committee from 1951-1965, and the Public Works Committee from 1949-50. He was elected chairman of the House Republican Conference in 1963 and was elected minority leader in 1965, until being elevated to the office of Vice-President in 1973.

His voting record as a member of Congress reflects a conservative political philosophy. Throughout his career he opposed federal involvement in problematic social areas. He opposed medicare, anti-poverty programs, strong civil rights bills, aid to education, and urban renewal. These commitments are evidenced by his voting record on important bills in these policy areas. For example, Ford voted against instituting a medicare program in 1965; he voted to kill federal anti-poverty programs in '66, and to cut funds for the program in '67 and '73. Although he voted for the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of '65, he supported watered-down versions of these bills before their passage. He voted against federal assistance for school construction in '56 and '61, and opposed federal funds for school aid in '69. In 1962, Ford voted against federal loans

and grants to aid students. In 1966, Ford voted against the Urban Renewal bill that provided demonstration city grants for community renewal and other housing programs.

Ford's orientation towards tax bills does not lend itself to such cut-and-dry categorization as do the policy areas discussed above. Different points his Congressional record shows Ford advocating both tax hikes and cuts. In 1963 Ford voted against an \$11.5 billion personal and corporate income tax cut and in 1968 he voted for an additional 10 per cent personal and corporate income tax surcharge. In 1969, however, Ford voted a tax cut of 5 per cent.

In other areas of economic policy, Ford voted for minimum wage reductions in 1961 and 1966. Ford voted for guaranteed bank loans for failing major businesses in 1971 and was a strong advocate of federal revenue sharing. He also supported federal funding of the SST in 1970.

Ford's record indicates that he clearly is a hawk on defense spending, and as a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he was a consistent supporter of Pentagon budget requests. In 1952, Ford voted against a spending ceiling for defense, and later in his Congressional career was an adamant supporter of Richard Nixon's defense spending.

His record as President clearly shows that his political philosophy does not differ now from when he was a member of the house. From the date he was sworn in as President of the United States, Ford has reflected political conservatism in his efforts to control federal spending and in his plans for cutbacks in existing federal activities in such areas as food stamps and government job creation.

A number of conclusions may be drawn from his record. First, he obviously is opposed to federal help for the people in our nation who are financially destitute. At the same time he is found to favor federal aid to major businesses that are ailing.

A discrepancy is: if the government will step in and bail out big business, why should they not see to it that the common folk do not go hungry and ragged?

A second conclusion concerns civil rights. Any public official who favors watered-down civil rights bills and who feels that civil rights policy should not belong in the federal sector of policy formation is ignoring the constitutionally guaranteed rights of our citizens. Racial prejudice in this country occurs on a regional basis. To expect the southerners, who have a long history of anti-black sentiment, to enact policies that would insure equality for blacks is unrealistic.

A third conclusion concerns his support of astronomical defense spending as compared with his opposition to social programs encompassing education, poverty and urban renewal. On one hand he favors spending \$100 billion on defensive armaments, while on the other, opposing a \$1 billion grant to improve destitute housing facilities in the core cities, as well as opposing federal legislation that would provide loans and grants to students.

A fourth conclusion can be drawn from this last concept. An official who denies federal assistance for medical services to the elderly while supporting such programs as Lockheed Loans and federal funding for the SST, immediately defines where he stands on humanitarian issues, both in the present and future.

Finally, the policy orientation of Ford as described above can realistically be expected to continue if he is elected to a four-year term. It is vital to study a candidate by a review of his record because political rhetoric is often meaningless in the long run and directed towards inducing an uninformed public to vote a certain ticket. In this way, a record shows what has been done, and thus gives a greater indication of what will be done.

(Next week: Jimmy Carter).

## Gubernatorial hopefuls face ecological topics

by Matt Tansey

On Tuesday, Vermont gubernatorial candidates Richard Snelling and Stella Hackel debated environmental issues before a capacity audience at Trinity College.

Hackel and Snelling responded to an array of questions put forth by R. Villamil, a biology instructor at the college. Through the course of the debate, the candidates often disclosed their divergent stands on controversial ecological issues.

The candidates met in debate for the twelfth time during the campaign. Another dozen or so debates are scheduled for the closing weeks of the race.

Villamil raised the questions of the state's bottle law and a recent unsuccessful attempt to enact a phosphate ban. In commenting on these areas, both candidates voiced concern over the fact that these two issues are only one part of a widely

diversified pollution problem in the state. They expressed the need for comprehensive and reaching programs that would deal with the entire problematic areas of solid waste disposal and water pollution.

On the issue of nuclear energy, neither candidate called for a shutdown of the state's single nuclear plant, but both opposed further nuclear power expansion. Snelling emphasized alternative sources of energy such as solar and wood, while Hackel called for greater federal leadership in solving New England's energy needs.

Snelling, a Shelburne businessman with a long record of community service, is the Republican nominee. He served in the Vermont House for a number of terms and occupied the seat of majority leader. Hackel is the Democratic candidate and is State Treasurer.

## White House fellow sought

The thirteenth nationwide search for outstanding young men and women to serve as White House Fellows has begun.

Established in 1964, the White House Fellowship program is designed to give rising leaders one year of firsthand, high-level experience with the workings of the Federal Government and to increase their sense of participation in national affairs. The program is open to U.S. citizens from all fields who are not less than 23 and not more than 35 years of age. Employees of the Federal Government are not eligible, with the exception of career armed services personnel.

Members of the eleventh group of White House Fellows are now completing their year long assignments. A twelfth group, the 1976-77 White House Fellows, will begin their duties next month.

In addition to their educational assignments with the Vice President, Cabinet officers or principal members of the White House staff, the Fellows participate in an extensive seminar program, typically consisting of some 300 off-record sessions with top government officials, scholars, journalists, and leaders from the private sector. The young men and women who have, to date, been selected as

White House Fellows have included lawyers, scientists, engineers, corporate business entrepreneurs, scholars and academic administrators, writers and journalists, medical doctors, social workers, architects, and local public officials. Last year 2864 persons applied for the coveted honor.

The Fellowship is designed to be a one-year sabbatical in public service. Fellows are expected to return to their professional careers at the end of their experience in government, with their perspectives of national issues broadened and their qualifications for significant service in their chosen careers and to their communities permanently enriched.

Leadership, intellectual and professional ability, high motivation, and a commitment to community and nation are the broad criteria employed in the selection process.

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# FEATURES



Chizu displays her art work. Photo by Steve Kunz.

## Chizu enjoys America; values country's style

by Berni Kenney

"The nature is beautiful and the people are very good," Chizu Suzuki said concerning her reaction to life in America.

Unlike Japan which is subject to customs and tradition, she believes that the U.S. has "a lot more possibilities to do something new."

Suzuki is from Amori, Japan and is studying English at St. Michael's through scholarship. She enjoys listening to music by Chopin and Mozart and has talent for drawing and painting.

She also finds great pleasure in the readings and ideas of Emerson. One of her objectives in coming to this country was to "study the American way of life through Emerson's philosophy of nature's beauty."

Suzuki is an active participant

in the folk group, which sings at Sunday evening Mass. She said, "it is rare to see such a group so devoted to their activities and ideas." In Japan, it is "almost impossible to believe in a spiritual world."

She views the folk group as a good opportunity to acquire an awareness of "the good points in American students." She is moved by their friendliness and warmth.

After seeing much of the American culture with her own eyes, Suzuki plans to return to Japan in hopes of attaining a teaching profession.

America has demonstrated to Suzuki a life of freedom. She said, "women are allowed to be eccentric" or "be as they like." She continued, "freedom is very attractive for me."

## A Bicentennial Minute

by John Acton

Two-hundred years ago today in a small town outside of Boston, called Anywhere, farmers were gathering together awaiting the arrival of British troops. It had been rumored that the king had ordered an assault on the small town and the farmers were not going to take any chances.

Now you have to understand that this worried the local authorities. Even after the farmers were told that they were in no danger and that Washington himself guaranteed the safety of the town, the farmers still felt they were in danger, and that the only way they would be protected was if they themselves were ready at all times to go to battle, if one broke out.

And ready they were, in the recent weeks anything red or even burgundy ended up dead or at least with holes in it. Which was the case with old Joe Bunker's red wagon. A group of farmers came across Joe and his wagon on their way home and from a distance of not more than fifty yards, shot it to smithereens. Joe himself was able to escape the gunfire by hiding behind a tree, but as for the wagon and its produce, well, they ended up all over the road. The farmers swore that from fifty yards away Joe's wagon looked just like a British ammunition wagon and that anybody in their right mind would have done the same thing. The local authorities agreed, even though the farmers over-reacted, the intent was for the safety of the town.

It wasn't until farmer Dick Karrot was shot down in his back yard by his neighbor, who thought he saw a British soldier but in fact had only seen Dick wearing a new red sweater that his wife had knitted for him, that authorities started getting worried.

At the request by some of the wives the authorities were asked to toughen the existing gun regulations. But the farmers protested and things being the way they were with the revolution, the authorities subsided. To make sure that never again anyone would try to take away the farmers' right to bear arms, the farmers formed an organization called the NRA.

My name is John Acton, and that's the way it was 200 years ago today.

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## Lectures, meetings set for student center

by Frank Furfaro

Lectures, workshops and club meetings are among many new activities scheduled in Klein Student Center for the coming year, according to Sr. Jeannette Asselin, who is in charge of scheduling events.

"We must make the students more aware of the student center and all of its facilities," Sr. Jeannette said.

Current events are: Dr. Peter Tumulty's pro-life speech, Career decision-making workshops, Human Potential Labs, ROTC meetings, Women's Union, and several coffee houses sponsored by the Social Committee, Sr. Jeannette said.

Many clubs hold meetings in the student center, including the Psychology Club, Outing Club

and the Political Science Club. The Michaelman, The Shield and the Student Association have their offices in the center.

Klein has a game room containing a pool table, an air hockey game and three pinball machines. "The games are the main source of revenue for the student center, so we try to encourage all students to use them," Sr. Jeannette stressed. "We also plan to get ping-pong tables and put them on the front porch," she added.

"In the winter, the fireplace will be utilized and we will try to create a real informal atmosphere here," Sr. Jeannette added.

In an effort "to encourage students to come and use their student center," the activities

calendar was moved from Allot Hall, Sr. Jeannette said. A new rideboard is also located in Klein.

The center is open to all college faculty, students and administration. Everyone is encouraged to utilize the facilities.

All Klein activities will be advertised in Jemery Hall and the cafeteria by mimeographed sheets. "We have to depend a lot on word of mouth, though," Sr. Jeannette said, "once people are aware of the student center, then it will be better utilized."

If one is interested in sponsoring an activity in Klein, one should see Sr. Jeannette in room 124 of the center. All planned activities occurring in Klein must be registered with her.

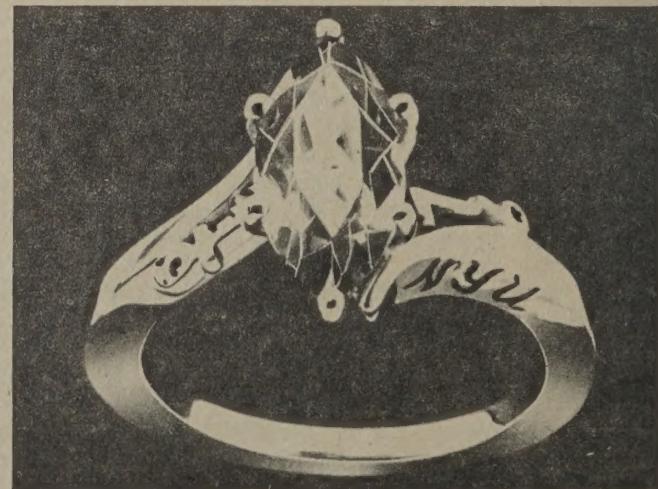
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## LONG SHOTS

by Richard M. Long Sports Editor

At the conclusion of last week's baseball playoffs the American Broadcasting Corporation sent their broadcasters into the respective dugouts of the American League Champion New York Yankees and the runnerup Kansas City Royals. The Yankee personnel were obviously jubilant, and rightfully so. Manager Billy Martin was exuberant, to say the least. Chris Chambliss had to be on cloud nine after hitting the pennant-winning home run. The ABC sportscasters however, exhibited a total lack of, if nothing else, personal courtesy. One could not understand why the sportscaster had to be in the Royals' dressing room. The story was in the Yankee dressing room. The game was over, it had been decided by a high fast ball that landed over the right-field fence, courtesy of Mr. Chambliss. When the Red Sox lost the World Series in the seventh game, NBC didn't stoop so low to go into the locker room and interview losing pitcher Jim Burton.

ABC has the potential of being the best sports network of all time. They have outbid the other networks for every major sporting event, with only two exceptions, the World Series and the Super Bowl. Bob Uecker, Al Michaels and Warner Wolf, in my opinion, belong announcing chess matches; that's about their level of competency.

The playoffs got so bad that when I tuned in and heard Howard Cosell in the booth I turned the volume down and tuned in the game on the radio, via CBS. Cosell belongs in broadcasting the real tough sports like bridge, diving, or golf. The Neilson ratings have shown that ABC is the number one network, but their total lack of concern for the hard and even soft core fans will undoubtedly end up hurting them in the long run. Unlike ABC, I believe that more people tune the event in, not the network or the men doing the broadcasting.

In the You Knew It Would Happen Sooner Or Later Category, Bob Woolf, the (in)famous sports-agent-attorney from Boston, has written a book . . . about how he has finagled multimillion dollar contracts for athletes. Will it never cease to amaze me how some guys make a fast buck, at the fans' expense, and just in time for Christmas!!

Believe it or not, by the time you read this the NBA will have started its season. The NHL began its season last week, college football and the NFL are half-way through and by the time you finish reading this column the World Series will probably be over. For someone like myself I can surely find enough to keep myself busy for the next couple of weeks.

Scoop of the Week is that there is a high probability that there will be a junior varsity basketball team this year at St. Michael's. Joe Meyers will coach the team. Meyers graduated from SMC last year. The number of games will be determined by the success Athletic Director Markey has in scheduling games with local colleges.

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SMC Purple Knights go down to St. Anselm's 3-0 in double overtime. They will be looking to even their record at 4-4 Oct. 27 when they do battle with the UVM Catamounts.

## Hoop squad begins practice

by John Moran

If you were walking through the gym this past weekend, you might have heard some yelling and screaming going on behind

the doors between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"Pick," "Go Back Door," "Hit the outlet man," came the screams from Walter Bauman,

## Hunting season opens for grouse, woodcock

by Paul Henderson

Ruffed Grouse and woodcock hunting season opened Sept. 25. Because of the early opening date gunning does not become productive until the weather cools and the heavy foliage thins.

I cut my grouse hunting teeth in Connecticut and I'm glad I did, because to hunt grouse successfully there, a person has to poke around in every available bit of cover, no matter how formidable it might appear. Granite state birds are spread out more and need to be searched out. I've found the birds have a frustrating tendency to flush out of trees, which presents a most difficult shot.

Cover where the birds can be found will be very thick, with some tall trees (15 feet) mixed in. If a hunter can find the thickest brush around with plenty of briars and thornapple trees in it, birds can probably be put up.

Woodcock basically frequent the same cover that grouse do, but later in the season they will be found on the higher dry ridges, where earthworms, their staple food, are easier to obtain. Meanwhile, grouse will become concentrated in the lower covers. Woodcock migrate every fall, so where a hunter finds birds one day may leave him searching a cover devoid of the weird looking birds the next. Two days later, that same cover could be seething with a migrating flight stopped over for fuel and rest.

Any shotgun that is light and has an open choke is good for these upland birds, but if a person can shoot a long-barreled, tight-choked gun best, or that is all a hunter has; I guess that will have to do. Use number

eight or nine shot. Grouse and woodcock do not require magnum loads of number four or six shot to bring them down. Small shot provides a dense pattern which is very effective in thick brush.

Hunting grouse and woodcock with dogs is something I know nothing about. I hunted once over a pretty Setter of questionable bloodlines. The poorly trained dog was the primary factor in the loss of a wounded bird, which happens to be my only such loss. I prefer teaming up with one or two buddies and slowly driving through thick cover.

Although biologists predicted a banner year for woodcock, I have yet to flush one this season. Grouse were supposed to have a good year in their 10 year population cycle and the predictions seem to be true.

On the first day of bow season for deer this year I counted 15 flushes. The next day I traded the bow for my trusted 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun and put up seven birds in two hours. I also missed the easiest shot I have ever encountered on a grouse.

## Forfeits mar intramurals

by Sue Dickenson

In intramural soccer competition last week, Sigma House defeated the ski team by a score of 7-1. John Gibbons and Tom Giambrone each scored three goals while John Chapel scored one for Sigma.

Xi house won by forfeit against Nu. Nu and Dalton double forfeited the Oct. 13

SMC Basketball Coach, and one had to wonder whether it actually was still the football season or not.

Well, don't ask that question of Ted Mauro, John Rao, Derrick Halacki or Tom Hoey and crew, since weeks ago they all started running miles and hundred-yard dashes by the dozen at the north campus field. Since last Friday they have moved in and practice one and a half hours a day in two groups which contain the 19 or so hopefults, of which about 75 percent are freshmen or first year players. With the loss of Mike Alston and Willy Quinones to failing grades, only four players returned.

With the influx of many freshmen who all have the tools, Bauman has sent many letters out to colleges in hopes of retaining a junior varsity program. To coach this team, a familiar face for four years here on the hoop squad at SMC, Joe Myers, is being considered. I believe there could be no better choice, and the establishment of a bonafide J.V. team would be a sound move for the future.

Competition has been keen so far, which is something we might have lacked in past years on the squad. They will be a small SMC squad, but with a lot of quickness and some unusual depth. I'm hoping for a good season, the second half of the year especially, when the freshmen should come into their own. There certainly is determination in the air, and that breeds a winner.

game.

Theta trampled the ski team by a score of 4-0.

Gamma-Epsilon maintained their undefeated record by edging Xo 4-3. Sigma and Omega double forfeited the Oct. 14 game.

Alpha-Delta defeated Omega, 38-12. Don Gagnon scored four touchdowns, while Jeff McGee scored one touchdown and two extra points, and Bob LaRose one touchdown for Alpha-Delta. Omega's touchdowns were scored by Bill Rick and Ed Hanlon.

Zeta forfeited to Theta. Reminder — house volleyball lists are due Oct. 29.

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